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COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

ACTION BY 19TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL (ITEM 9)

REF: A) GA/RES 3251 (XXIX); B) DP/84

1. SUMMARY. THE 19TH UNDP GC DEVOTED ONE AFTERNOON SESSION (JAN 22) TO TCDC. TWENTY-TWO OF GC'S 48 MEMBERS SPOKE TO ITEM. OPENING STATEMENT MADE BY UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL WHO CALLED FOR IMAGINATIVE ACTION AND EXERCISE OF WILL BY LDC'S THEMSELVES WITH UNDP PLAYING ONLY SUPPORTIVE ROLE. PATEL NOTED UNDP HAD RECENTLY SET UP SMALL TCDC SPECIAL UNIT AND COMMENCED WORKING ON INFORMATION SYSTEM, AND ON IDEAS FOR PROPOSED UNDP ASSISTED TCDC PROJECTS. SAID MEMBER STATES AND AGENCIES WERE BEING CONTACTED THROUGH RESREPS AND PROMISED MORE DETAILS AT 20TH GC MEETING.

1. HIGHLIGHTS.

(A) FOLLOWING POINTS BROUGHT OUT BY MOST STATEMENTS: TCDC IMPORTANT. DP/84 SATISFACTORY AS INTERIM REPORT. GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL UNIT AND FOR PROPOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION SYSTEM. TCDC WILL DEPEND ON INITIATIVES

BY MEMBERS THEMSELVES. ALSO UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT GIVEN BY MOST LDC'S AND FINANCIALLY QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT BY A FEW DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR AN EVENTUAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYMPOSIUM PRECEDED BY REGIONAL SYMPOSIA.

(B) ON THE OTHER HAND, ONLY FEW STATEMENTS SUPPLIED SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF DESIRED TYPES OF TCDC PROJECTS OR SPECIFIC SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS PLANNED BY LDC GOVERNMENTS.

(C) JAPAN, BRAZIL, INDIA, FRG PLUS USG WARNED NEED AVOID COSTLY ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE BY UNDP AND STRESSED INTEGRATION ASAP WITH EXISTING UNDP PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES. TWO (ITALY AND FRG) ADVOCATED EVENTUAL ABSORPTION OF SPECIAL UNIT INTO REGULAR ADMINISTRATION. TWO GOVERNMENTS (ITALY, SWISS) EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON UNDP FUNDING OF SYMPOSIA.

(D) ALL STATEMENTS REFLECTED CONSIDERED INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, WITH BRAZIL, INDIA, SWISS, AND FRG MAKING THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COMMENTS.

(E) VIEW RELATIVELY BLAND AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF DISCUSSION, U.S. DELEGATION LIMITED REMARKS TO EMPHASIS ON ACTION BY MEMBERS TO INCREASE TCDC AND ESTABLISH FOCAL POINTS, NOTING ONE WAY TO START WAS BY REGIONAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. USG ASSOCIATED WITH FRG STATEMENT WHICH INTER ALIA STRESSED TCDC AS INTEGRAL PART OF ALL TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND OPPOSED ELABORATE UNDP SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE.

(F) DELEGATIONS FROM UK, FRANCE, CANADA AND NORDICS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION, DUE IN PART INTERIM NATURE OF UNDP ACTION TO DATE PLUS DESIRE HOLD THEIR FIRE UNTIL THEY KNOW BETTER WHETHER ANY RADICAL PROPOSALS FROM PAST AND FUTURE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES WILL BE FACTORED INTO UNDP TCDC ENDEAVORS, PLUS THEIR APPARENT PREFERENCE ADDRESS OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

(G) PRESSURES ANTICIPATED FROM CERTAIN OF THE GOVERNMENTS (SUCH AS ARGENTINA MEMBER OF LAST YEAR'S UNDP WORKING GROUP ON TCDC) FOR PROMPT, MORE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED ACTION BY THE UNDP ON EACH OF THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS, DID NOT MATERIALIZE AT THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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SESSION. LIKEWISE, ONLY FEW GOVERNMENTS POINTED TO TCDC LINKAGE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER OF 6TH SPECIAL GA. FACT OF PATEL PERSONAL LEADERSHIP AND OBVIOUS NEED MORE TIME FOR UNDP ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERS INSTRUMENTAL THIS RESULT.

(H) NO MEMBERS SAW FIT OFFER COMMENT ON TCDC RELATION TO THE JUNE MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COM-

MITTEE FOR THE 7TH UNGA SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, AS INVITED TO DO SO BY THE REFERENCE GA RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, UNDP WILL REPORT TO MARCH MEETING OF PREP COMMITTEE FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

2. COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS.

(A) MEMBERS WILLING PROVIDE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS MORE TIME UNDP ADMINISTRATION AT ITS DISCRETION, AND UNDER EXPRESS PATEL LEADERSHIP, TO GET ITSELF MOVING RE TCDC.

(B) ON OTHER HAND, UNDP PUT ON NOTICE MORE PROGRESS, SUPPORTED BY MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, WILL BE EXPECTED BY COUNCIL AT ITS JUNE AND JANUARY SESSIONS.

(C) TWO-MAN TEAM PRESENTLY ON-BOARD UNDP SPECIAL UNIT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM UNDP'S MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION FACE VERY CONSIDERABLE BURDEN TO ACCOMPLISH TASKS OUTLINED BY DP/84 BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT TWO SESSIONS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. DOCUMENTATION: POUCHING SEPARATELY: (A) TEXT OF INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY PATEL, AND (B) PRESS RELEASE DEV/893 COVERING TCDC DISCUSSION.

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